GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF PATAN BHILAD MISSING LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal for construction of Patan-Bhiladi missing link in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the construction of missing link between Patan-Bhiladi, a dedicated freight corridor between Pipavav, Surendranagar, Viramgam, Mahesana, Patan, Bhiladi up to Bhatinda is feasible; and

(c) if so, the progress made so far in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The new broad gauge line from Patan-Bhildi is already sanctioned as a part of Viramgam- Bhildi gauge conversion project.Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, estimates,etc. are in progress.

(b): The portion of Patan-Bhildi does not come under the identified alignment of the Western route of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC).However,Mehsana-Viramgam-Surendranagar-Pipavav (395 kms) is an identified feeder route for the Western Freight Corridor which is getting upgraded to DFC standards.

(c): Does not arise.